

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags," the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

Priority  
Claimed

Yes/No

Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number

Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

08/759,445

Application Number

December 5, 1996

Filing Date

Pending

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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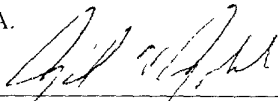
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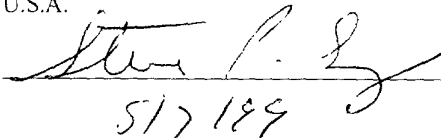
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## PATENT

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Filed: May 10, 1999

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:	)	Atty. Docket No.: PCOS:018
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For: Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags	)	

**ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

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each an attorney or agent for the firm of ARNOLD WHITE & DURKEE, as its attorney or agent for so long as they remain with such firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, to receive any Letters Patent, and to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent.

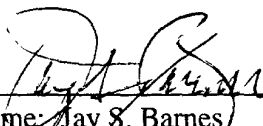
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment referenced below, and certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee, TENNECO PACKAGING INC..

Please direct all communications as follows.

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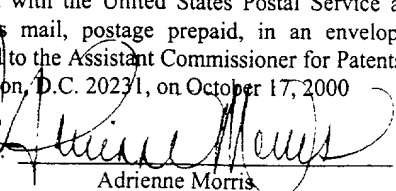
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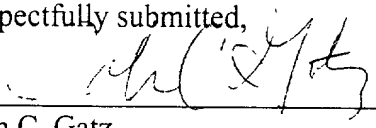
The mailing address for the attorney/agent for the above-identified patent application has changed from Ronald B. Coolley, Arnold, White & Durkee, P. O. Box 4433, Houston, Texas 77210, United States of America to **Ronald B. Coolley, Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C., 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200, Dallas, Texas 75202-2799.**

Applicants' Attorney's docket number should also be changed to: **47097-00018.**

Please issue an appropriate notification of the recording of these changes in connection with this application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 17, 2000

  
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**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1999, personally appeared Steve P. Long, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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